SUNSET CHAPTER - FLORIDA STATE FAIR

Our newest chapter, the Sunset Chapter, did themselves proud recently at the Florida State Fair in Tampa.

On Wednesday evening, February 4th, they went to work at 10:00 PM at the fair grounds. They had a space 15' by 30' to fill to the best advantage. In the center of the booth they put up a three panel shadow box display with 65 boxes about 12 to 15 inches square. In each of these except two they placed a small styrofoam block, held in place with florist clay and inserted a piece of heavy floristwire to receive the blooms. The other two boxes were larger so they were used for arrangements. To hide the styrofoam they used 3 x 5 cards folded in half with the name of the bloom printed on them.

Other parts of the exhibit consisted of a viewing machine with colored slides, black pegboards to take other individual blooms, grafted plants in various stages from initial graft to a good growing plant, a seedling section showing seeds before planting all the way thru to a blooming seedling.

The whole exhibit was received so well that officials of the fair asked, in fact insisted, that they come back the following week for two more days. That meant that new blooms had to be sought and arranged for four days, being replaced each morning.

During the exhibit Dale Evans of TV and motion picture fame asked if they would supply three "Veronicas" for herself and her two daughters.

Thanks to all the members of the Sunset Chapter, Mr. Shultz of Polk Nursery, Mr. and Mrs. Melville of Pomona Park, Mr. Eric Golby of Reasoner's Nursery, and especially to Mrs. John Wylie, Mr. Bill Cutler, Mr. Frank Pagano, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Brandon, Mr. & Mrs. Evans, Mr. Frank Miller. Without the help of these fine people the exhibit could not have been the success it was.

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